

ABSTRACT

A wireless communications device includes a transceiver to communicate with a wireless communications network and a controller, and alerts a user to whether the device is proximate a hands-free zone. A hands-free zone is a geographical area having predetermined boundaries where the user may not communicate without the use of a hands-free device. The current location of the wireless device may be determined using GPS, or by the wireless network. If the current location of the wireless device is within the hands-free zone, an indication is provided to alert the user of the wireless communications device. The indication may be, for example, a visual indication, an audible sound, or a text message. In addition, the controller may be configured to automatically enable a hands-free only mode of operation on the wireless device responsive if the device is proximate the hands-free zone.